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In re Application of	:	
Karen J. Smiley, et al.	:	
Application No. 10/699,468	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 31, 2003	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. ABDT-0582/B030080	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed September 11, 2006.

The request is **APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. A request to withdraw will not be approved unless at least 30 (thirty) days would remain between the date of approval and the later of the expiration date of a time to file a response or the expiration date of the maximum time period which can be extended under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

The request was signed by Steven B. Samuels on behalf of all attorneys of record who are associated with customer No. 23377.

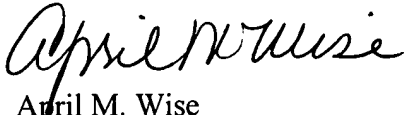
All attorneys/agents associated with the Customer Number 23377 have been withdrawn.

Applicant is reminded that there is no attorney of record at this time.

The request to change the correspondence of record is not acceptable as the requested correspondence address is not that of: (1) the first named signing inventor; or (2) an intervening assignee of the entire interest under 37 C.F.R. 3.71. All future communications from the Office will be directed to the first named signing inventor at the first copied address below until otherwise properly notified by the applicant.

There is an outstanding Office action mailed October 5, 2006 that requires a reply from the applicant.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to April Wise at 571-272-1642.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "April M. Wise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "April" being more prominent than the last name "Wise".

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